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SUBJECT: NEIZVESTINIY AND GALICH PLAN TO LEAVE U.S.S.R.

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. OVER THE WEEKEND IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WELL KNOWN NON-CONFORMIST SCUPLTOR ERNST NEIZVESTNIY AND DISSIDENT POET-BALLADEER ALEKSANDR GALICH TOLD EMBOFF OF THEIR PLANS TO LEAVE SOVIET UNION. NEIZVESTNIY SAID HE HAS DEFINTELY DECIDED TO LEAVEBUT HAS NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND ABOUT METHOD. HE MAY TRY TO APPLY FOR LONG SABBATICAL IN WEST ALA POSTROPOVICH, BUT HE TENDS TOWARD EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL. HIS INTERNAL PASSPORT LISTS HIS NATIONALITY AS JEWISH, ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT A PRACTICING JEW. HE SAID HE IS NOT SURE IF HE WOULD LIKE TO LIVE IN ISRAEL, BUT MIGHT GIVE IT A TRY FOR A WHILE. IN ANY CASE HE DEFINITELY WANTS TO VISIT U.S. NEIZVESTNIY IS HOPEFUL ABOUT RECEIVING PERMISSION TO TAKE HIS SCULPTURE AND GRAPHIC WORK OUT WITH HIM AND IS ALREADY HAVING IT CRATED. HE
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SAID HE FIRST WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT HIS MONUMENT TO

KHRUSHCHEV IS IN PLACE AT GRAVESITE AND THEN WILL
APPLY TO LEAVE, PROBABLY TOWARD END OF SUMMER. HE
HAS CLEARED THIS WITH KHRUSHCHEV FAMILY.

2. DURING PRIVATE POETRY/BALLAD SESSION, GALICH SAID HE
WILL LEAVE BEFORE END OF JUNE. HE APPARENTLY HAS
RECEIVED PERMISSION OF AUTHORITIES FOR EMIGRATION TO
ISRAEL, BUT PLANS TO SETTLE IN NORWAY, AT LEAST INITIALLY.
HE SAID HE HAD BEEN OFFERED SAME HOUSE SOLZHENITSYN REJECTED.
HE TOO WANTS TO VISIT U.S. AFTER HE IS SETTLED. GALICH
SAID HE IS LEAVING RELUCTANTLY, BUT BECAUSE OF
OFFICIAL HARASSMENTN, HE HAS NO CHOICE.
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